



## **POSTAL SERVICE**

### **39 CFR Part 20**

#### **International Product and Price Changes**

**AGENCY:** Postal Service™.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service is revising *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, International Mail Manual (IMM®), to reflect the prices, product features, and classification changes to Competitive Services, as established by the Governors of the Postal Service.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 22, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rick Klutts at 813-877-0372.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** New prices are available under Docket Number CP2012-2 on the Postal Regulatory Commission's Web site at <http://www.prc.gov>.

This final rule describes the international price and classification changes and the corresponding mailing standards changes for the following Competitive Services:

- Global Express Guaranteed® (GXG®)
- Express Mail International® (EMI)
- Priority Mail International® (PMI)
- International Priority Airmail™ (IPA®)
- International Surface Air Lift® (ISAL®)
- Direct Sacks of Printed Matter to One Addressee (M-bags)
- International Extra Services:

- Certificate of Mailing
- International Postal Money Orders and Money Order Inquiry Fee
- International Insurance for EMI and PMI service
- Customs Clearance and Delivery
- Registered Mail™ Service
- Restricted Delivery Service
- Return Receipt Service
- Pickup On Demand® Service

New prices are located on the Postal Explorer® website at <http://pe.usps.com>.

### **Global Express Guaranteed**

Global Express Guaranteed (GXG) is an international expedited delivery service provided through an alliance with FedEx Express®. The price increase for retail GXG service averages 6.0 percent. In addition, the Postal Service is making the following product features and classification changes:

#### ***Commercial Base Pricing***

The commercial base price for customers that prepare and pay for GXG shipments via permit imprint when used in conjunction with Global Shipping Software (GSS), online at USPS.com®, or by registered end-users using an authorized PC Postage® vendor will be a variable discount (based on the item's weight and price group) of up to 10 percent below the retail price. Previously, an across-the-board discount of 10 percent applied regardless of weight or price group. As a result, we will remove the GXG price tables in the Individual Country Listing of the IMM and refer customers to Notice 123-Price List for the applicable commercial plus, commercial base or retail price for GXG service.

### *Commercial Plus Pricing*

To provide additional options for customers, we are authorizing published commercial plus prices as a new price tier for GXG service. Mailers who qualify for this option will receive a variable discount (based on the item's weight and price group) of up to 17 percent below the retail price. To qualify for commercial plus pricing, customers must tender at least \$100,000 per year of international expedited products. For this purpose, "international expedited products" includes any combination of Global Express Guaranteed, Express Mail International, or Priority Mail International items. Postage payment options for commercial plus pricing are permit imprint when used in conjunction with GSS and registered end-users using an authorized PC Postage vendor. As with commercial base prices, the commercial plus price is applied to each item but does not apply to any other charges or fees.

### *Legal-size Envelope*

To provide additional mailing options for customers, the Postal Service introduces a new legal-size GXG envelope. The new larger envelope, which measures 15 inches by 9-1/2 inches, enables customers to ship legal-size documents without folding them. Like our other USPS®-produced GXG envelopes, the price will be based on the actual weight and price group of the mailpiece — the dimensional-weight price is not applicable when using this envelope.

### **Express Mail International**

Express Mail International (EMI) service provides reliable, high-speed service to approximately 190 countries with a money-back, date-certain delivery

guarantee to select destinations. The price increase for retail Express Mail International service averages 11.6 percent. In addition, the following product features and classification changes are made:

#### *Commercial Base Pricing*

The commercial base price for customers that prepare and pay for Express Mail International shipments via permit imprint when used in conjunction with GSS, online at USPS.com, or by registered end-users using an authorized PC Postage vendor will be a variable discount (based on the item's weight and price group) of up to 8 percent below the retail price. Previously, an across-the-board discount of 8 percent applied regardless of weight or price group. As a result, we will remove the Express Mail International price tables in the Individual Country Listing of the IMM and refer mailers to Notice 123-Price List for the applicable commercial plus, commercial base or retail price for Express Mail International service.

#### *Commercial Plus Pricing*

To provide additional options for customers we are authorizing published commercial plus prices as a new price tier for Express Mail International service. Mailers who qualify for this option will receive a variable discount (based on the item's weight and price group) up to 15 percent below the retail price. To qualify for commercial plus pricing, customers must tender at least \$100,000 per year of international expedited products. For this purpose, "international expedited products" includes any combination of Global Express Guaranteed, Express Mail International, or Priority Mail International items. Postage payment options for commercial plus pricing are permit imprint when used in conjunction with GSS

and registered end-users using an authorized PC Postage vendor. As with commercial base prices, the commercial plus price is applied to each item but does not apply to any other charges or fees.

*Permit Imprint – Retail Price paid via a Permit Imprint*

To ensure compliance with various federal regulations, the current option to enter Express Mail International items at a Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU) bearing a permit imprint (paid through an Express Mail corporate account), will no longer be available. The option for mailers to present Express Mail International items (paid through an Express Mail corporate account) to a retail facility for acceptance and processing remains available.

*Flat Rate Boxes*

Building on the success of current Priority Mail International Flat Rate packaging, we are introducing two versions of a new Express Mail International Flat Rate Box. Both boxes have the same cubic capacity of approximately 1/3 cubic foot and have a maximum weight allowance of 20 pounds. The top-loading box (EM-FRB1) has inside dimensions that measure 11 inches by 8-1/2 inches by 5-1/2 inches. Due to size constraints, postage payment options for the EM-FRB1 are limited to online postage payment methods, or a permit imprint (used in conjunction with GSS). The side-loading box (EM-FRB2) has inside dimensions that measure 13-5/8 inches by 11-7/8 inches by 3-3/8 inches. All postage payment options are available for the side-loading box. These options include, postage stamps, USPS postage validation imprinter (PVI) labels, postage meter stamps, online postage payment methods, a permit imprint (used in conjunction with GSS), or through the use of an Express Mail corporate account (EMCA).

Customers pay a flat rate of \$59.95 to Canada and \$74.95 for all other countries that accept Express Mail International.

#### *Flat Rate Envelopes*

For consistency, we are updating the IMM to reflect a 20-pound maximum weight limit for the Express Mail International Flat Rate Envelopes to match the newly introduced Express Mail International Flat Rate Boxes.

#### *Tonga*

Via a formal request from the country of Tonga, we will offer Express Mail International service to this destination assigned to Price Group 6. The maximum weight is 66 pounds, and the maximum insurance limit is \$5,000.

### **Priority Mail International**

Priority Mail International (PMI) offers economical prices for reliable delivery of documents and merchandise, typically within 6 to 10 business days to many major destinations. The price increase for retail Priority Mail International service averages 8.7 percent. In addition, the following product features and classification changes are made:

#### *Commercial Base Pricing*

The commercial base price for customers that prepare and pay for Priority Mail International shipments via permit imprint when used in conjunction with GSS, online at USPS.com, or by registered end-users using an authorized PC Postage vendor will receive a variable discount (based on the item's weight and price group) of up to 5 percent below the retail price. Previously, an across-the-board discount of 5 percent applied regardless of weight or price group. As a result, we will remove the Priority Mail International price tables in the Individual

Country Listing of the IMM and refer customers to Notice 123-Price List for the applicable commercial plus, commercial base or retail price for Priority Mail International service.

#### *Commercial Plus Pricing*

To provide additional price options for customers, we are authorizing published commercial plus prices as a new price tier for Priority Mail service. Mailers who qualify for this option will receive a variable discount (based on the item's weight and price group) of up to 10 percent below the retail price. To qualify for commercial plus pricing, customers must tender at least \$100,000 per year of international expedited products. For this purpose, "international expedited products" includes any combination of Global Express Guaranteed, Express Mail International, or Priority Mail International items. Postage payment options for commercial plus pricing are permit imprint when used in conjunction with GSS and registered end-users using an authorized PC Postage vendor. As with commercial base prices, the commercial plus price is applied to each item but does not apply to any other charges or fees.

#### *Permit Imprint – Retail Price paid via a Permit Imprint*

To ensure compliance with various federal regulations, the current option to enter Priority Mail International items at a BMEU bearing a permit imprint as postage payment, will no longer be available. The option for mailers to present Priority Mail International items at a retail facility for acceptance and processing remains available. Payment can be paid at the retail facility with a postage validation imprinter (PVI) label, or the mailer can prepay postage with a postage meter stamp or postage stamps.

**International Priority Airmail**

International Priority Airmail (IPA) service, including IPA M-bags, is a commercial service designed for business mailers for volume mailings of all First-Class Mail International postcards, letters, large envelopes (flats), and packages (small packets) weighing up to 4 pounds. The overall price increase for IPA service averages 1.0 percent.

**International Surface Air Lift**

International Surface Air Lift (ISAL) service, including ISAL M-Bags, is a commercial service, which provides expedited dispatch and transportation for mailers of volume mailings of all First-Class Mail International postcards, letters, large envelopes (flats), and packages (small packets) weighing up to 4 pounds. The overall price increase for ISAL service averages 13.7 percent.

**Direct Sacks of Printed Matter to One Addressee (M-bags)**

Airmail M-bags are direct sacks of printed matter sent to a single foreign addressee at a single address. The price increase for Airmail M-bags averages 3.5 percent.

**International Extra Services**

Depending on country destination and mail type, customers may continue to add a variety of extra services to their outbound shipments. The price increase for competitive extra services averages 5.0 percent.

For our competitive offerings, we revised the prices for the following international extra services:

- Express Mail International insurance
- Priority Mail International insurance



- Certificate of mailing
- International postal money orders
- Money order inquiry fee
- Customs clearance and delivery
- Registered Mail service
- Restricted delivery service,
- Return receipt service
- Pickup On Demand service

The Postal Service hereby adopts the following changes to *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, International Mail Manual (IMM), which is incorporated by reference in the *Code of Federal Regulations*. See 39 CFR 20.1.

### **List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 20**

Foreign relations, International postal services.

Accordingly, 39 CFR Part 20 is amended as follows:

### **PART 20 — [AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for 39 CFR Part 20 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 13 U.S.C. 301-307; 18 U.S.C. 1692-1737; 39 U.S.C. 101, 401, 403, 404, 407, 414, 416, 3001-3011, 3201-3219, 3403-3406, 3621, 3622, 3626, 3632, 3633, and 5001.

2. Revise the following sections of *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, International Mail Manual (IMM), as follows:

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## **2 Conditions for Mailing**

## **210 Global Express Guaranteed**

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## **213 Prices and Postage Payment Methods**

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*[Revise the title and text of 213.6 to read as follows:]*

### **213.6 Commercial Prices**

#### **213.61 Commercial Base Prices**

Global Express Guaranteed commercial base prices are generally less than Global Express Guaranteed retail prices when postage is paid using any of the online methods described in 213.7 or a permit imprint under 213.8. Commercial base pricing does not apply to participating retail Post Office locations. See Notice 123-Price List, for the applicable price.

#### **213.62 Commercial Plus Prices**

##### **213.621 General**

For approved mailers, Global Express Guaranteed commercial plus prices are generally less than Global Express Guaranteed commercial base prices when postage is paid by a registered end-user of a USPS-approved PC Postage product, or a permit imprint under 213.8. Commercial plus pricing does not apply to participating retail Post Office locations. See Notice 123-Price List, for the applicable price.

##### **213.622 Commercial Plus Pricing — Eligibility**

To qualify for commercial plus pricing, customers must agree to all terms and conditions in a standardized agreement with the Postal Service and tender at least \$100,000 per year of international expedited products. For this purpose,

“international expedited products” includes any combination of Global Express Guaranteed, Express Mail International, or Priority Mail International items.

### **213.623 Commercial Plus Pricing — Approval**

Mailers meeting the minimum revenue thresholds under 213.622 must complete an agreement with the Postal Service by contacting their account manager, or USPS Global Business via email at [globalcpp@usps.gov](mailto:globalcpp@usps.gov) for a commitment agreement form or for additional information.

## **213.7 Online Postage Payment Method**

### **213.71 Online Prices**

*[Revise 213.71 to read as follows:]*

For selected destination countries, Global Express Guaranteed items qualify for discounted prices (equal to the commercial base price or commercial plus price) when mailers use one of the following online shipping methods:

- a. Commercial Base Price: Click-N-Ship service; or registered end-users of USPS-approved PC Postage products.
- b. Commercial Plus Price: Registered end-users of a USPS-approved PC Postage products.

The commercial base or commercial plus price is automatically applied to each shipment when using one of the postage payment methods above. The discount applies only to the postage portion of the Global Express Guaranteed price. It does not apply to any other charges or fees, such as fees for Pickup on Demand service, insurance, or shipments made under a customized agreement.

*[Renumber current 213.72 through 213.75 as new 213.73 through 213.76 and add new 213.72 to read as follows:]*

### **213.72 Markings Requirements**

Global Express Guaranteed mailpieces claiming the commercial base or commercial plus price paid with PC Postage must bear the appropriate price marking, printed on the piece or produced as part of the PC Postage indicia. Mailers must place the applicable marking directly above, directly below, or to the left of the postage using one of the following formats:

- a. Commercial Base Price, Commercial Base Pricing, or ComBasPrice.
- b. Commercial Plus Price, Commercial Plus Pricing, or ComPlsPrice.

*[Revise the title and text of renumbered 213.73) to read as follows:]*

### **213.73 Determining Online Prices**

For each addressed mailpiece, refer to Notice 123-Price List, for the applicable commercial base or commercial plus price.

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### **213.8 Permit Imprint**

#### **213.81 Permit Imprint — General**

*[Revise 213.81 to read as follows:]*

Global Express Guaranteed items paid with a permit imprint through an advance deposit account is permitted only when requirements for commercial base prices or commercial plus prices (see 213.82) are followed. Postage paid with a permit imprint is subject to the general conditions in IMM 152.4 and in DMM 604 and 705. See Notice 123-Price List, for the applicable prices.

*[Revise the title and introduction text of 213.82 to read as follows:]*

#### **213.82 Permit Imprint — Commercial Base or Commercial Plus Prices**

Global Express Guaranteed commercial base or commercial plus prices are generally less than Global Express Guaranteed retail prices when postage is paid using a permit imprint. The commercial base or commercial plus price applies only to the postage portion of Global Express Guaranteed prices. See Notice 123-Price List, for the applicable price. In addition, customers must meet the following requirements: \* \* \*

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## **220 Express Mail International**

### **221 Description and Physical Characteristics**

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*[Revise 221.3 to read as follows:]*

#### **221.3 Express Mail International Flat Rate Envelopes**

Only USPS-produced Express Mail International Flat Rate Envelopes are eligible for the Flat Rate price and are charged a flat rate regardless of destination. The maximum weight is 20 pounds. See the Individual Country Listings for countries that offer Express Mail International service.

*[Renumber current 221.4 as new 221.5 and insert new 221.4 to read as follows:]*

#### **221.4 Express Mail International Flat Rate Boxes**

Only USPS-produced Express Mail International Flat Rate Boxes are eligible for the Flat Rate price and are charged a flat rate regardless of destination. The maximum weight is 20 pounds. See the Individual Country Listings for countries that offer Express Mail International service.

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## **222 Eligibility**

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*[Renumber current 222.4 through 222.7 as new 222.5 through 222.8 and insert new 222.4 as follows:]*

#### **222.4 Express Mail International Flat Rate Boxes**

Only USPS-produced Express Mail International Flat Rate Boxes are eligible for Flat Rate pricing as defined in Exhibit 222.4. The contents must fit securely and must be entirely confined within the box. The box flaps must be able to close within the prefabricated folds. Tape may be applied to the flap and seams for closure or reinforcement, provided the design of the container is not enlarged by opening the sides and taping or reconstructing the container in any way. All other Express Mail International standards and customs requirements apply.

**Note:** The USPS-produced Express Mail International Flat Rate Box, Item EM-FRB1, is nonmailable when paid at the retail price using shipping Label **11-B**, *Express Mail Post Office to Addressee*, due to size constraints, and to ensure compliance with IMM 123.61b. This standard does not apply when payment is made using a permit imprint under 223.22, or online postage under 223.24.

Exhibit 222.4

Eligible Express Mail International Flat Rate Boxes

Item	Inside Dimensions (L – W – H)	Outside Dimensions (L – W – H)	Item No.
Express Mail International Flat Rate Box	11" x 8-1/2" x 5-1/2"	11-1/4" x 8-3/4" x 6"	EM-FRB1*
Express Mail International Flat Rate Box	13-5/8" x 11-7/8" x 3-3/8"	14" x 12" x 3-1/2"	EM-FRB2

\* Nonmailable when paid at the retail price using shipping Label **11-B**, *Express Mail Post Office to Addressee*.

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## **223 Prices and Postage Payment Methods**

*[Revise 223.1 to read as follows:]*

### **223.1 Prices**

#### **223.11 Availability and Price Application — General**

Except under 223.14 and 223.15, Express Mail International shipments are charged postage for each addressed piece according to its weight and country price group. For shipments presented in Express Mail pouches under an Express Mail Custom Designed Service agreement, each pouch is considered an addressed piece. See the Individual Country Listings for countries that offer Express Mail International service. Refer to Notice 123-Price List for applicable Express Mail International prices.

#### **223.12 Commercial Base Prices**

Express Mail International commercial base prices are generally less than Express Mail International retail prices when postage is paid using a permit imprint under 223.222 or the online methods described in 223.241.

#### **223.13 Commercial Plus Prices**

For approved mailers, Express Mail International commercial plus prices are generally less than Express Mail International commercial base prices when postage is paid by a registered end-user of a USPS-approved PC Postage product, or a permit imprint under 223.222.

#### **223.131 Commercial Plus Pricing — Eligibility**

To qualify for commercial plus pricing, customers must agree to all terms and conditions in a standardized agreement with the Postal Service and tender at least \$100,000 per year of international expedited products. For this purpose, “international expedited products” includes any combination of Global Express Guaranteed, Express Mail International, or Priority Mail International items.

### **223.132 Commercial Plus Pricing — Approval**

Mailers meeting the minimum revenue thresholds under 223.131 must complete an agreement with the Postal Service by contacting their account manager, or USPS Global Business via email at *globalcpp@usps.gov* for a commitment agreement form or for additional information.

### **223.14 Express Mail International Flat Rate Envelope Prices**

Only USPS-produced Express Mail International Flat Rate Envelopes are eligible for a flat rate price regardless of the destination. The maximum weight is 20 pounds. Postage is required for each piece (see Notice 123-Price List). A domestic Express Mail Flat Rate Envelope with prepaid postage may also be used for an Express Mail International item provided that appropriate additional postage is added before mailing.

### **223.15 Express Mail International Flat Rate Boxes Prices**

Only USPS-produced Express Mail International Flat Rate Boxes are eligible for a flat rate price regardless of the destination. The maximum weight is 20 pounds. Postage is required for each piece (see Notice 123-Price List).

### **223.2 Postage Payment Methods**

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### **223.22 Permit Imprint**



### **223.221 Permit Imprint — General**

Payment for Express Mail International shipments paid with a permit imprint through an advance deposit account is permitted only when requirements for commercial base prices or commercial plus prices (see 223.222) are followed. Postage paid with a permit imprint is subject to the general conditions in IMM 152.4 and in DMM 604 and 705. See Notice 123-Price List, for the applicable prices.

*[Revise the title and introductory text of 223.222 to read as follows:]*

### **223.222 Permit Imprint — Commercial Base or Commercial Plus Prices**

Express Mail International commercial base and commercial plus prices are generally less than Express Mail International retail prices when postage is paid using a permit imprint. The commercial base price applies only to the postage portion of Express Mail International prices. In addition, customers must meet the following requirements: \* \* \*

*[Delete 223.223, Permit Imprint – Retail Price, in its entirety.]*

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### **223.24 Online Postage Payment Method**

#### **223.241 Online Prices**

*[Revise 223.241 to read as follows:]*

For selected destination countries, Express Mail International items qualify for discounted prices (equal to the commercial base price or commercial plus price) when mailers use one of the following online shipping methods:

- a. Commercial Base Price: Click-N-Ship service; or registered end-users of USPS-approved PC Postage products.

- b. Commercial Plus Price: Registered end-users of USPS-approved PC Postage products.

The commercial base or commercial plus price is automatically applied to each shipment when using one of the above postage payment methods. The discount applies only to the postage portion of the Express Mail International price. It does not apply to any other charges or fees, such as fees for Pickup on Demand service, insurance, or shipments made under a customized agreement.

*[Renumber current 223.242 as 223.243 and insert new 223.242 to as follows:]*

### **223.242 Markings Requirements**

Express Mail International mailpieces claiming the commercial base or commercial plus price paid with PC Postage must bear the appropriate price marking, printed on the piece or produced as part of the PC Postage indicia. Mailers must place the applicable marking directly above, directly below, or to the left of the postage using one of the following formats:

- a. Commercial Base Price, Commercial Base Pricing, or ComBasPrice.
- b. Commercial Plus Price, Commercial Plus Pricing, or ComPlsPrice.

*[Revise the title and text of renumbered 223.243 to read as follows:]*

### **223.243 Determining Online Prices**

For each addressed mailpiece, refer to Notice 123-Price List for the applicable commercial base or commercial plus price.

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### **230 Priority Mail International**

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### **232 Eligibility**

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## **232.2 Eligible Priority Mail International Flat Rate Envelopes and Small Flat Rate Priced Boxes**

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*Exhibit 232.2b*

### **Eligible Priority Mail International Small Flat Rate Priced Boxes**

*[Revise Exhibit 232.2b to read as follows:]*

Item	Inside Dimensions (L – W – H)	Outside Dimensions (L – W – H)	Item No.
Priority Mail International Small Flat Rate Box	8-5/8" x 5-3/8" x 1-5/8"	8-11/16" x 5-7/16" x 1-3/4"	SFBX
Priority Mail International DVD Box	7-9/16" x 5-7/16" x 1-1/8"	8-3/4" x 5-9/16" x 1-1/2"	O-DVDS
Priority Mail International Large Video Box	9-1/4" x 6-1/4" x 2"	9-9/16" x 6-7/16" x 2-3/16"	O-1096-L

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*[Renumber current 232.4 through 232.8 as new 232.5 through 232.9 and add new 232.4 to read as follows:]*

### **232.4 Eligible Priority Mail International Medium and Large Flat Rate Boxes**

Only the items in Exhibit 232.4a and Exhibit 234.4b qualify for the Priority Mail International Medium and Large Flat Rate Box pricing.

Exhibit 232.4a

### **Eligible Priority Mail Medium International Flat Rate Boxes**

Item	Inside Dimensions (L – W – H)	Outside Dimensions (L – W – H)	Item No.
Priority Mail International Medium Flat Rate Box	11" x 8 1/2" x 5-1/2"	11 1/4" x 8 3/4" x 6"	O-FRB1
Priority Mail International Medium Flat Rate Box	13 5/8" x 11 7/8" x 3 3/8"	14" x 12" x 3 1/2"	O-FRB2

Exhibit 232.4b

### **Eligible Priority Mail International Large Flat Rate Boxes**

Item	Inside Dimensions (L – W – H)	Outside Dimensions (L – W – H)	Item No.
Priority Mail International Large Flat Rate Box	12" x 12" x 5-1/2"	12 1/4" x 12 1/4" x 6"	LFRB
Priority Mail International Board Game Large Flat Rate Box	23-11/16" x 11-3/4" x 3"	24-1/16" x 11-7/8" x 3-1/8"	GBFRB

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## **233 Prices and Postage Payment Methods**

### **233.1 Prices**

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*[Renumber current 233.12 through 233.14 as new 233.14 through 233.16 and  
insert new 233.12 and 233.13 to read as follows:]*

### **233.12 Commercial Base Prices**

Priority Mail International commercial base prices are generally less than Priority Mail International retail prices when postage is paid using a permit imprint under 233.222 or the online methods described in 233.231. See Notice 123-Price List, for the applicable price.

### **233.13 Commercial Plus Prices**

For approved mailers, Priority Mail International commercial plus prices are generally less than Priority Mail International commercial base prices when postage is paid by a registered end-user of a USPS-approved PC Postage product, or a permit imprint under 233.222. See Notice 123-Price List, for the applicable price.

#### **233.131 Commercial Plus Pricing — Eligibility**

To qualify for commercial plus pricing, customers must agree to all terms and conditions in a standardized agreement with the Postal Service and tender at least \$100,000 per year of international expedited products. For this purpose, “international expedited products” includes any combination of Global Express Guaranteed, Express Mail International, or Priority Mail International items.

#### **233.132 Commercial Plus Pricing — Approval**

Mailers meeting the minimum revenue thresholds under 233.131 must complete an agreement with the Postal Service, by contacting their account manager, or USPS Global Business via email at *globalcpp@usps.gov* for a commitment agreement form or for additional information.

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## **233.2 Postage Payment Methods**

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## **233.22 Permit Imprint**

### **233.221 Permit Imprint — General**

Payment for Priority Mail International shipments paid with a permit imprint through an advance deposit account is permitted only when requirements for commercial base prices or commercial plus prices (see 233.222) are followed. Postage paid with a permit imprint is subject to the general conditions in IMM 152.4 and in DMM 604 and 705.

*[Revise the title and introductory text of 233.222 to read as follows:]*

### **233.222 Permit Imprint — Commercial Base or Commercial Plus Prices**

Priority Mail International commercial base and commercial plus prices are generally less than Priority Mail International retail prices when postage is paid using a permit imprint. See Notice 123-Price List, for the applicable price. The commercial base price applies only to the postage portion of Priority Mail International prices. In addition, customers must meet the following requirements:

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*[Delete 233.223, Permit Imprint – Retail Price, in its entirety.]*

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## **233.23 Online Postage Payment Method**

### **233.231 Online Prices**

*[Revise 233.231 to read as follows:]*

For selected destination countries, Priority Mail International items qualify for discounted prices (equal to the commercial base price or commercial plus price) when mailers use one of the following online shipping methods:

- a. Commercial Base Price: Click-N-Ship service; or registered end-users of an authorized PC Postage vendor.
- b. Commercial Plus Price: Registered end-users of an authorized PC Postage vendor.

The commercial base or commercial plus price is automatically applied to each shipment when using one of the above postage payment methods. The discount applies only to the postage portion of the Priority Mail International price. It does not apply to any other charges or fees, such as fees for Pickup on Demand service, insurance, or shipments made under a customized agreement.

*[Renumber current 233.232 as new 233.233 and add new 233.232 to read as follows:]*

### **233.232 Marking Requirements**

Priority Mail International mailpieces claiming the commercial base or commercial plus price paid with PC Postage must bear the appropriate price marking, printed on the piece or produced as part of the PC Postage indicia. Mailers must place the applicable marking directly above, directly below, or to the left of the postage using one of the following formats:

- a. Commercial Base Price, Commercial Base Pricing, or ComBasPrice.
- b. Commercial Plus Price, Commercial Plus Pricing, or ComPlsPrice.

*[Revise the title and text of renumbered 233.233 to read as follows:]*

### **233.233 Determining Online Prices**

For each addressed mailpiece, refer to Notice 123-Price List, for the applicable commercial base or commercial plus price.

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## Country Price Groups and Weight Limits

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*[Revise the listing for Tonga by adding Express Mail International service as follows:]*

Country	Global Express Guaranteed		Express Mail International		Priority Mail International <sup>1</sup>		First-Class Mail International	
	Price Group	Max. Wt. (lbs.)	Price Group	Max. Wt. (lbs.)	Price Group	Max. Wt. (lbs.)	Price Group	Max. Wt. <sup>2</sup> (ozs. / lbs.)
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Tonga	4	70	6	66	6	44	6	3.5 / 4
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## Individual Country Listings

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### Global Express Guaranteed (210)

*[For each country that offers Global Express Guaranteed service, remove the price table. However, retain the country's Price Group designation (which appears in the "Global Express Guaranteed" heading) and any special standards or notes (which appear directly below the "Global Express Guaranteed" heading). In addition, retain the country's maximum weight limit from the bottom of the price table and insert it where indicated by the "[x]" in the following text.]*

The maximum weight is [x] pounds. Refer to Notice 123-Price List, for the applicable retail, commercial base, or commercial plus price.

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### **Express Mail International (220)**

*[For each country that offers Express Mail International service, remove the price table. However, retain the country's Price Group designation (which appears in the "Express Mail International" heading). In addition, retain the country's maximum weight limit from the bottom of the price table and insert it where indicated by the "[x]" in the following text.]*

The maximum weight is [x] pounds. Refer to Notice 123-Price List, for the applicable retail, commercial base, or commercial plus price.

*[For each country that offers Express Mail International service, revise the title and text of the Flat Rate section to read as follows:]*

### **Express Mail International — Flat Rate Envelope and Flat Rate Boxes:**

*[For each country that offers Express Mail International, insert the following:]*

The maximum weight for the Express Mail International Flat Rate Envelope and the Express Mail International Flat Rate Boxes is 20 pounds. Refer to Notice 123,-Price List, for the applicable retail, commercial base, or commercial plus price.

### **Insurance (222.71)**

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*[For each country that offers Express Mail International merchandise insurance, replace the fees to read as follows up to the applicable maximum amount available for each country:]*

<b>Insured Amount</b> not over	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Insured Amount</b> not over	<b>Fee</b>
\$100	No	For insurance coverage above \$2,000, add \$1.50 for each	

	Fee	\$500 or fraction thereof, up to a maximum of \$5,000 per shipment.	
200	\$0.85		
500	2.35		
1,000	3.85		
1,500	5.35		
2,000	6.85	\$5,000 max.	\$15.85

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### **Priority Mail International (230)**

*[For each country that offers Priority Mail International service, remove the price table. However, retain the country's Price Group designation (which appears in the "Priority Mail International" heading). In addition, retain the country's maximum weight limit from the bottom of the price table and insert it where indicated by the "[x]" in the following text.]*

The maximum weight is [x] pounds. Refer to Notice 123-Price List, for the applicable retail, commercial base, or commercial plus price.

**Note:** Ordinary Priority Mail International includes indemnity at no cost based on weight. (See 230.)

### **Priority Mail International — Flat Rate**

*[For each country except Ascension, Bolivia, Cuba, Falkland Islands, and North Korea, revise the lines of text for the Flat Rate priced items to read as follows:]*

Flat Rate Envelopes or Small Flat Rate Priced Boxes: The maximum weight is 4 pounds. Refer to Notice 123-Price List for the applicable retail, commercial base, or commercial plus price.

Flat Rate Boxes: Medium and Large: The maximum weight is 20 pounds, or the limit set by the individual country, whichever is less. Refer to Notice 123-Price List, for the retail, commercial base, or commercial plus price.

*[For Ascension, Bolivia, Cuba, and the Falkland Islands revise the text directly below the heading “Available only for Priority Mail International Flat Rate Envelope and Small Flat Rate Priced Boxes” to read as follows:]*

Flat Rate Envelopes or Small Flat Rate Priced Boxes: The maximum weight is 4 lbs. Refer to Notice 123-Price List, for the applicable retail, commercial base, or commercial plus price.

*[For North Korea, revise the directly below the heading “Available only for Priority Mail International Flat Rate Envelope” to read as follows:]*

Flat Rate Envelopes: May not contain dutiable items or merchandise. The maximum weight is 4 lbs. Refer to Notice 123-Price List, for the applicable retail, commercial base, or commercial plus price.

## **Insurance 232.82**

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*[For each country that offers Priority Mail International insurance, replace the table of fees to read as follows up to the applicable maximum amount available for each country:]*

Insured Amount not over	Fee	Insured Amount not over	Fee
\$50	\$2.45	Add \$1.15 for each additional \$100 or fraction of insurance coverage.	
100	3.60		
200	4.75		
300	5.90		

400	7.05		
500	8.20	\$5,000 max.	\$59.95

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### **First-Class Mail International (240)**

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### **Airmail M-bags (260) —**

#### **Direct Sack to One Addressee**

*[For each country that offers Airmail M-bags, remove the price table. However, retain the country's Price Group designation (which appears in the "Direct Sack to One Addressee" heading). In addition, retain the country's maximum weight limit from the bottom of the price table and insert it where indicated by the "[x]" in the following text.]*

The maximum weight is [x] pounds. Refer to Notice 123-Price List, for the applicable price.

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### **International Postal Money Order (371)**

*[For each country that offers international postal money orders, revise the fee and money order inquiry fee as follows:]*

**Fee: \$4.45**

**Money Order Inquiry Fee: \$5.50**

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### **Tonga**

#### **Country Conditions for Mailing**

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*[Revise the listing for Tonga by adding Express Mail International Service as follows:]*

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**Express Mail International — Flat Rate Envelope and Flat Rate Boxes:**

The maximum weight for the Express Mail International Flat Rate Envelope and the Express Mail International Flat Rate Boxes is 20 pounds. Refer to Notice 123, *Price List*, for the applicable retail, commercial base, or commercial plus price.

**Insurance (222.71)**

Available for **Express Mail International merchandise shipments** only

<b>Insured Amount not over</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Insured Amount not over</b>	<b>Fee</b>
\$100	No Fee	For insurance coverage above \$2,000, add \$1.50 for each \$500 or fraction thereof, up to a maximum of \$5,000 per shipment.	
200	\$0.85		
500	2.35		
1,000	3.85		
1,500	5.35		
2,000	6.85	\$5,000 max.	\$15.85

<b>Articles Admitted</b>	<b>Required Customs Form/Endorsement</b>
Correspondence, business papers.	PS Form 2976, Customs — <i>CN 22 and Sender's Declaration</i> . Endorse items clearly next to mailing label as BUSINESS PAPERS.
Merchandise samples without commercial value, microfilm, microfiche, and magnetic tapes and discs.	PS Form 2976, Customs — <i>CN 22 and Sender's Declaration</i> .
Merchandise and all articles	PS Form 2976-A, <i>Customs Declaration and</i>

subject to customs duty.	<i>Dispatch Note CP 72, inside a PS Form 2976-E, Customs Declaration Envelope CP 91.</i>
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**Size Limits (221.42)**

Maximum length: 36 inches

Maximum length and girth combined: 79 inches

**Note:**

Coins; banknotes; currency notes, including paper money; securities of any kind payable to bearer; traveler's checks; platinum, gold, and silver; precious stones; jewelry; watches; and other valuable articles are prohibited in Express Mail

International shipments to Tonga.

**Reciprocal Service Name:** EMS

**Country Code:** TO

**Areas Served:** All

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We will publish an appropriate amendment to 39 C.F.R. Part 20 to reflect these changes.

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